determined to see what the material before the Government is which persuaded them to take such a drastic action against persons who were residing in Ernakulam for all these several years. Therefore, I submit, sir, that this is a matter which ought to be admitted under Rule 21 of the Legislative Council Rules.

Mr. President: I should like to take time to consider the admissibility of these motions and I will give my decision after questions tomorrow.]

CONGRATULATORY MOTION

On the accession of His Highness the Maharaja

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Mr. President, Sir, I feel great pleasure to move the following motion.—

"This Council respectfully tender its humble congratulations to His Highness the Maharaja Sree Kerala Varma on his assuming the Rulership of this ancient State and desires to express its prayful hope that His Highness will live long and that under his pious and benevolent rule the prosperity of the State and the happiness of its people will progress continuously."

I am fully confident that this House will echo my feelings of loyalty, devotion and admiration and would whole-heartedly join with me in felicitating His Highness Sree Kerala Varma on his accession to the ancient and illustrious gadi of Cochin. It is superfluous on my part to say that our Maharajas and members of the Ruling family of Cochin have been noted for their simplicity of life, plain living and high-thinking, exemplary character, charming manners, deep piety, generosity and sympathetic attachment to the people of the State. We all know and those who have had the good fortune of coming in close contact with our present Maharaja can candidly affirm that His Highness Sree Kerala Varma is an embodiment of the above mentioned qualities and virtues. Highly educated being the first graduate in Arts from the Ruling family of Cochin and inspired with the desire to do service to common humanity, with which spirit His Highness condescended to accept public service, having acquired enlightenment and wisdom by varied and extensive reading and by association with erudite scholars, His Highness comes to the Gadi with the gathered harvest of administrative experience, fully equipped to dircharge the arduous responsibilities of the Ruler of a progressive State. His Highness is a voratious reader and is thoroughly conversant with the day to day developments of world affairs. I know personally that His Highness takes keen interest in the progress of Indian Nation and the welfare of the Indian people. Above all His Highness has the most anxious concern for the welfare of all his subjects. It will not be presumptuous on my part if I say that His Highness is a highly constitutional Ruler and a believer in Responsible Government. The gracious Proclamation of His Highness on the memorable occasion of the Installation Durbar on the 21st March 1946, granting a further instalment of responsible Government with an indication of its extension which Proclamation was welcomed with approbation by all of us—bears ample testimony to my above statements. This magnificient boon of our beloved Maharaja immediately after his accession, has enhanced the reputation of Cochin and its Rulers, besides giving the lead to other Indian States. We can reasonably hope that His Highness' example will be followed by Rulers of other Indian States.

Another indication of His Highness' desire for the welfare and enlightenment of his subjects is seen from the orders passed by His Highness' Government extending free Primary Education throughout the State and improving the pitiable lot of the teachers of the Secondary Department. It is our pious wish and prayer that His Highness' progressive rule be serene and long.

His Highness' educational and cultural attainments, wide reading and vast experience, desire for service, devotion to duty and implicit faith in Gods omnipotence, have shaped him into an Ideal Ruler, pre-eminently fitted to pilot the ship of a model State like Cochin in these difficult times. Cochin and its people are exceptionally fortunate in getting such a Ruler to guide our destinies and to strive for our prosperity. I will be correct when I say that His Highness' only ambition in ascending to the Gadi which position was not coveted for by him but sought him naturally is to fulfil a sacred mission of working incessantly for the welfare of his subjects. His Highness is anxious that his rule should be broad-based upon his people's affection. I am confident that all sections of His Highness' subjects cherish deep sense of loyalty and affection towards him; and I need hardly say that His Highness can always count upon the unstinted co-operation of this House in his benevolent rule. May the Almighty shower upon His Highness abundance of health and wisdom to guide the destinies of his people, is the humble prayer of this House.

May His Highness Maharaja Sree Kerala Varma live long.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Ernakulam)*: Mr. President, I second this congratulatory motion moved by the Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development. We are moving congratulatory motions

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whenever a new Maharaja ascends the throne. Personally speaking—I suppose my statements will be taken in the proper spirit in which they are made—I do not like that these congratulatory motions should be inane and empty words which simply praise a Ruler. I say that because I want to praise the present Maharaja in that he has touched the hearts of the people by the recent pronouncement made by him regarding constitutional reforms in the State. Now Sir, the Maharaja is beyond criticism. It is wrong to say, it is meaningless to say, that a Maharaja is good because we are not prepared to say that a Maharaja is bad. In Great Britain whenever a new Government takes up office, an address is voted upon by the Parliament to the King. I do not just now remember what are the origins of this address to the King but from what little I know about these things, the address voted to the King by the Parliament in England is always a political document. It is not a simple objective statement as to the qualities of the Ruler because they know it is all bad taste to discuss such things. We are all loyal to His Highness the Maharaja. Personally speaking and again let my statement be understood in its proper spirits it is a very poor compliment to our people to pass loyalty resolutions, to refer to the loyalty which the people feel towards the Maharaja, because these things are taken for granted. Therefore this is not an occasion for us to say we are loyal. We are always loyal, we continue to be loyal and it is our intention to be loyal and this avowal of loyalty too often in public meetings and Legislative Council and other places make the matter childish. But here in Cochin because new Governments do not come to power from time to time but new Maharajas do, a congratulatory motion passed in the Council must be a politic address to the Maharaja which will, for the time being, give expression to the mind of the people at the moment when the motion is passed. It is in that spirit that I want to make a few observations in seconding the motion moved by the Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development

Naturally I congratulate our beloved Maharaja on coming to the throne at this critical period in the history of Cochin. The recent announcement made by the Maharaja looms before my mind and reference was made to the same by the Hon'ble Minister himself. Now Sir, this transfer of a few more departments to popular control and the appointment of another Minister are welcome. We like it. But I want to make use of this occasion to say that Cochin is not in a mood to be satisfied with what has been granted. While congratulating our Maharaja who so graciously made this announcement at the time of the Durbar, we wish loyally to make known to the Maharaja that this will not satisfy the aspirations of the people of Cochin. This Proclamation is conceived in a spirit quite different from what previous proclamations have been. In making this statement I find that the advisers of His Highness the Maharaja, I always refer to the advisers, because a King can do no wrong and if there is anything done wrong, you, Mr. President alone have done the wrong and therefore my criticisms are only levelled against the advisers of the Maharaja; that is so in England where there is full power given to the people. In Cochin where the Maharaja is advised by two advisers, one a popular Minister responsible to this House and the other, I do not say unpopular.....

Mr. President: Irresponsible !

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Ernakulam):* A Minister irresponsible to this House. Let me resume the throne. The advisers of His Highness have referred to the situation in India to-day. "India is on the threshold of great constitutional reform", the Proclamation says. We are happy that for once, the powers that be in Cochin have looked beyond the borders of Cochin and noticed the great changes that are taking place outside. But when I read that India is on the threshold of great constitutional reforms, I was reminded of a certain passage in Carly's French Revolution. A group of people was moving towards the palace of Luiz, XVI and the King of France seeing these people moving, remarked to the Minister who was standing by his side; "why the people seem to be in revolt; they seem to be rioting". Then the Minister said; "No, Sir, it is a revolution". India, Sir, is not on the threshold of constitutional reforms. India is on the threshold of a revolution; Discussions are taking place in New Delhi to-day on the basis of the "Quit India Demand" of the Congress. The Congress demands that the Englishmen's rule in India must disappear atonce and for ever, and there must be a Government by Indians for the Indians, whatever the constitution may be—Pakistan, Hindustan or Rajastan. Every one is agreed that the future of India is being discussed on that basis. When such far-reaching changes are being contemplated in India, when departments of foreign affairs, defence and all other departments are contemplated to be transferred to the hands of Indian Ministers, to say that the departments of Anchal and Registration will be transferred to another Minister in Cochin, is a thing which does not fit in with the mood of the people. That is what I wanted to respectfully convey to His Highness through you, His Highness' constituted adviser. What Cochin wants today is full responsible Government and full responsible Government can alone will satisfy the people of Cochin. Now, Sir, although full responsible Government is contemplated for Cochin I do not see in this Proclamation the germs for it, the seeds for it. I will

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explain. A reference is made to the Franchise Committee. The Franchise Committee may report for a more Liberal Franchise; but the terms of reference of the Franchise Committee have made it clear that the future Legislative Council that is going to be constituted, is in the same frame with 58 members, 20 not elected and 38 elected. With respect to the 38 elected members the Franchise Committee is not at liberty to make any variations in numbers. There shall be 38 members alone and therefore a Legislative Council in the same model in which it is existing to-day is in contemplation and there is nothing in the Proclamation to say that it is proposed to be reformed. I wish to put it to you, is it possible to have full responsible Government under the frame work of a Legislative Council so constituted? No, Sir, it is not. Unless a new Legislative Council is contemplated, not alone elected on a more Liberal Franchise but a new Legislative Council which will represent the people and the people alone, it is not possible to have it fit in with full responsible Government. Sir, I have not much more to add.

I looked through the 5 departments which are proposed to be transferred to the Minister and I thought and thought again as to what was the creterion, what was it which persuaded the advisers to the Maharaja to select these 5 departments for transfer to the Minister. I found that those departments alone have been transferred which could be transferred without affecting the Treasury Bench now sitting here in the House, Anchal and Registration, Labour, Medical, and Municipalities. The heads of these departments are not here. Therefore, without touching the constitution of the Legislative Council without affecting the number of officials who are sitting here, these departments have even selected for transfer. Education is proposed to be transferred, but because you do not know what is to do with Rao Sahib I. N. Menon, it has not been transferred now. This appears to me to be the criterion which persuaded you in advising the Maharaja to transfer these departments alone to a new Minister. You may constitute another Minister. Still the result will be the same. Therefore I put it to you, Sir, what we want you to advise the Maharaja who began his reign with this noble gesture of a Proclamation, what we want you to advise the Maharaja who is prepared to grant in full, the aspirations and of the desires of the people, what we want you to advise the Maharaja, is that now and forthwith, even before the great constitutional reforms or changes take place in British India, this advanced State of Cochin must set an example to other places in India and grant full responsible Government to the people of Cochin. My Hon'ble colleague the Minister for Rural Development piously wished that the constitution in Cochin will be copied by every Indian State. I am surprised at this. That is not what we want. We do not want other States in India to copy this, because we cannot go through the long chain of developments through which India has been going ever since the year 1909. Now, Sir, after reading this Proclamation, I feel, I am in the British India of the year 1917, when that famous Proclamation was made by Mr. Montague. But we are really in the year 1946 when our brothers and sisters in India with whose battles for freedom we have co-operated in whose battles for freedom we have shed our blood, are going to taste the sweetness of freedom. With the Indian National Congress we have marched along; but don't think we are lagging behind British India, in our aspirations, in our political feeling and in our thirst for freedom; We are standing in the same line with our brothers and sisters in British India and unless this mood of the people is properly interpreted by you and your colleague the Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development to His Highness the Maharaja's gracious consideration we will always say that you did not interpret our mood properly to His Highness. This is what I have to say while seconding this motion, moved by the Hon'ble Minister.

***Mr. T. K. Nayar** *(pazhayannur):* I associate myself with the motion before the House. Cochin has been fortunate to have a succession or rulers whose one aim in life has been the welfare and contentment of the people. The present Maharaja combines in himself this glorious tradition with unique experience and high culture. We are passing through critical times and providence has given us a ruler who has the grit to face all consequences. By his announcement at the Durbar His Highness the Maharaja has taken Cochin one step forward on the march for full responsible government which is both His Highness' aim and his people's ardent desire. It is certainly a source of happiness to all of us to note that His Highness the Maharaja has been pleased to appreciate the success of the work of the Ministery and also the restraint and sense of responsibility always shown by the legislature. To one who in his own humble way worked in this Council and for some time as a Minister, His Highness' remarks on the success of our

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member

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work is highly valuable. It has been a dream of my life to see achieved full responsible government in this State and equally to see communal bitterness disappear from Cochin public life. I have not only associated myself with this House in demanding more and more constitutional reforms but I have envisaged more Ministers so that all important communities in the State may have their representatives in the Ministery and the ministery cease to be a bone of contention betweeen different communities. I have also used every possible opportunity to place these views before those in authority and therefore the creation of an additional minister and the prospect of a third Minister is to be a fulfilment of my dreams.

Much more than additional ministers I value the new arrangements proposed for joint consultation between the Diwan and the Ministers as a preliminary to the development of the Cabinet Government enjoying the confidence of His Highness and fully responsible to the Legislature. In this Post-war period when huge schemes have to be worked out and large sums of money raised and spent I hope that by joint consultation, the Ministers also will share with the reserved half the power of the purse, *viz.*, the power to raise and spend money for the maximum good of the State. So far the Ministers had nothing to do with the purse and in spite of uniform kindness and generous provisions made by the Diwans, it has been damping the enthusiasm of the Minister when he was feeling that he had to depend upon another's good-will to obtain the funds he required for his schemes. Let me not be under-stood as even distantly hinting that the Diwan has done anything to create this feeling. I can say with conviction that my experience has been otherwise. Whatever the actualities, the feeling that the minister or ministers are joint partners in raising money for schemes of development will put the ministery into de facto power. I confidently hope that the Diwan and the Ministery will work as a cabinet and that in all important decisions of the Government the Ministers also will have a part.

The reforms now announced is in keeping with the historical Westminister plan of Government. This plan has faced all possible suitations successfully and we can safely follow it until we obtain full responsible government under the aeges of His Highness the Maharaja. An irremovable executive is now becoming popular with some sections of people. It may have its good points but it has its bad points also. My personnel conviction is that the Westminister type of responsible Government is much better and will be more responsive than any other type and with this conviction I welcome the announcement of His Highness with sincere joy. May His Highness live long and guide us to our goal of full responsible government in his life time is my sincere prayer.

Mrs. T. Francis *(Ernakulam):* On behalf of the ladies of Cochin State and on my own behalf, I fully associate with all the high tributes paid by the mover of the Congratulatory motion on His Highness the Maharaja of Cochin State on the occasion of the installation of His Highness Sree Kerala Varma as the Ruler of Cochin State. In the annals of Cochin this is the first time that Cochin has the good fortune to have on its hereditary throne a graduate of the Madras University a ruler who had gathered many administrative experiences by his extensive travels and long stay in British provinces. We the Cochinites feel that we are particularly fortunate in that at this most critical period in the political and economic history of our dear mother land. God Almighty has graciously bestowed on us a very large hearted, sagacious and sympathetic Ruler to guide our destinies.

Cochin has given the lead to the rest of Indian States in the matter of political advance by the creation of Ministers responsible to the people of the State. The announcement of the royal boon of the creation of another Minister chosen from among the representatives of the people to be in charge of such important departments as Medical, etc., shows that ere long Cochin will have a complete responsible Government. A beginning of the Cabinet system of the modern democratic Government is also indicated in the Darbar Proclamation.

Great things are expected in the wake of Post-war developments. Many programmes are on the anvil-schemes of advancement and ambition. The ladies of Cochin very keenly feel that none of their sisters are included in the present Franchise Committee to represent their case. The Cochin ladies are not in any way behind their sisters of British Indian provinces. They are fit to bear the responsibility of the people and conduct the Covernment as their representatives. They are unanimously of opinion that the present allocation of only two seats in the Legislative Council to represent them are is quite insufficient considering their number in population they are over 7 lakhs. This being the case the bearest minimum that may be hoped to appease the women of Cochin are 6 seats to represent them. one atleast for each taluk. We trust that our benign, ruler will consider our grievences and redress them by co-opting one or more ladies to the Franchise Committee. We are also certain that ere long not only more seats will be

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allocated to women in the Legislative Council but also our beloved Ruler will be pleased to see a Lady Minister amongst His other Ministers.

That His Highness may live long in health and happiness is the prayer of every subject of Cochin State.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Cochin Kanayannur Ezhuvas):* Sir, I thank my friend Mr P. Govinda Menon for introducing a utilitarian atmosphere of fresh air and for the time being I prefer to be his follower. As regards responsible Government and all other matters I fully agree with him and I need not add anything further and I only disagree with the previous speakers or speaker of Mr. Panampilli himself in regard to their vision of the future. I feel that the next step will be complete responsible Government. (Hear. hear.) I do not much care the present transfer of a few more subjects and creation of a second ministry; but I care more the announcement. If we closely scrutinise the announcement, we can clearly see the suggestion that the next step will be complete responsible Government. The announcement has already prepared the ground for it. That is my feeling about the announcement.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* And you are right.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Cochin Kanayannur Ezhuvas):* I am always right.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Ernakulam):* But you must move to the left (laughter).

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Cochin Kanayannur Ezhuvas):* In all these matters Cochin stands ahead.

Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur):* Question.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Cochin Kanayannur Ezhuvas):* Before Mysore and Travancore get complete responsible Government Cochin will get it without anybody going into jail. That is the beauty of it. In so many other things also we are far ahead. But in one thing alone we lag behind. I have preferred to be utilitarian simply to bring out that aspect. In social matters we are very backward. Our enlightened and most advanced country which has left behind many other states is very reactionary and very backward in social matters. Our country unfortunately contains lakhs of untouchables and un-approchables. I particularly mention this now because I know His Highness is personally for removing all these difficulties and disabilities. (Hear, hear.) But His Highness may have his own limitations and difficulties. I feel ere long, the removal of untouchability and un-approachability will be effected in Cochin State.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Ernakulam):* How could it be removed?

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Cochin Kanayannur Ezhuvas):* It will be removed by a Proclamation. Do you think our Government are so very ignorant of the methods to be adopted. It will be removed and there will be no difficulty for that. And I associate myself with all the sentiments expressed here.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. കൊച്ചുകുട്ടൻ: സർ, നാടുവാണരുളുന്ന മഹാരാജാവു തിരുമനസ്സിനെ അഭിനന്ദിച്ചുകൊണ്ടുള്ള ഈ പ്രമേയത്തെ ഏറ്റവും സന്തോഷത്തോടുകൂടി ഞാനും പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നു. തിരുമനസ്സിലെ പ്രജാസഞ്ചയത്തിൽ ഏറ്റവും പിന്നണിയിൽ നിൽക്കുന്ന അവശസമുദായങ്ങൾക്കു് തിരുമനസ്സിലെ സ്ഥാനാരോഹണത്തിലുള്ള അളവറ്റ ആനന്ദമാണു് ഞാൻ ഇവിടെ പ്രകടിപ്പിക്കുന്നതു്. കാലാനുകാലങ്ങളിൽ തിരുമുപ്പു കിട്ടുന്ന മഹാരാജാക്കന്മാരെല്ലാവരുംതന്നെ പരിഷ്കൃതാശയരും ഉല്പതിഷ്ണുക്കളും ആകണമെന്നില്ല. എന്നാൽ ഇപ്പോൾ തിരുമുപ്പുകിട്ടീട്ടുള്ള മഹാരാജാവുതിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു് പരിഷ്കൃതാശയനും ഉൽപതിഷ്ണുവുമാണെന്നുള്ള കാര്യം തിരുമനസ്സിലെ ഇരുപത്തുമുള്ള ചരിത്രം തെളിയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്. ഇൻഡ്യയിലെ രാജകുടുംബങ്ങളിലെ അംഗങ്ങൾ അംഗ്ലേയ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം ഹീനമായികരുതിയിരുന്ന ആ കാലഘട്ടത്തിൽ ഇപ്പോൾ നാടുവാണരുളുന്ന മഹാരാജാവുതിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടാണു് ആദ്യമായി ആ ഭാഷയിൽ ബിരുദം സമ്പാദിച്ചതു്. ഇതു് മാമൂലുകളെയെല്ലാം അതിലംഘിച്ചു് നമ്മുടെ മഹാരാജാവു് തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു മുന്നോട്ടുപോയിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നുള്ളതിനു പ്രത്യക്ഷമായ ഒരു ഉദാഹരണമാണു്. തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു മദിരാശിയിൽ താമസിച്ചിരുന്ന കാലത്തു് അവിടെ ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുള്ള കേരളീയരുടെ മിക്കസ്ഥാപനങ്ങളും തിരുമനസ്സിലെ ഉൽസാഹത്തിലും പ്രേരണയിലും രക്ഷാധികാരത്തിലുമെല്ലാമാണു നടന്നിട്ടുള്ളതെന്നു വസ്തുത നമ്മൾ മനസ്സിലാക്കുമ്പോൾ അവിടത്തെ പൊതുജനങ്ങളുടേയിടയിൽ കൂടുതലായി പ്രവർത്തനം നടത്തുന്നതിനു് ഔൽസുക്യമുള്ള ഒരു ദേഹമാണെന്നുള്ളതിനു സന്ദേഹമില്ല. ഇവിടെ നടപ്പിലിരിക്കുന്ന ഭരണപരിഷ്കാരം ഏതാണ്ടു് ഇതേനിലയിൽ തുടരുവാൻ തുടങ്ങീട്ടു് കൊല്ലങ്ങൾ പലതുകഴിഞ്ഞു

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നിരാശരായി നിത്സേഷ്ടരായി കഴിഞ്ഞുകൂടിയ തിരുമനസ്സിലെ പ്രജാസഞ്ചയത്തിന്റെ അളവറ്റ ആഹ്ലാദം തിരുമനസ്സിലെക്ക തിരുമുപ്പുകിട്ടിയ അവസരത്തിൽ ചെയ്ത പ്രഖ്യാപനംകൊണ്ടുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതു് വളരെ പരിഷ്കാരങ്ങളുടെ ഒരു നന്ദിയായി പരിഗണിക്കുന്നതിൽ അബദ്ധമില്ലെന്നാണ് എന്റെ പ്രതീക്ഷ. റാവുസാഹിബു് കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ പറഞ്ഞതുപോലെ ഏറ്റവും കൂടുതലായ ഒരു പ്രതീക്ഷയുള്ളതു് ഇവിടത്തെ അനാചാരങ്ങളും അസമത്വങ്ങളും ഇല്ലായ്മചെയ്യുവാൻ "മാനം കലധന"മായ തിരുമനസ്സിലെ പ്രജാസഞ്ചയത്തിന്റെ അസ്വാതന്ത്ര്യം, അപമാനം, മാനക്കേടു് ഇല്ലായ്മചെയ്യുവാൻ ഉചിതമായ ഒരു രാജകീയ വിളംബരം ഉണ്ടാകണമെന്നുള്ളതാണ്. അയിത്തം ഒരു രാജകീയ വിളംബരംമൂലം ഇല്ലായ്മചെയ്തു, അതു കുറ്റകരമാണെന്ന പ്രഖ്യാപനം ചെയ്താൽ തിരുമനസ്സിലെ ഭരണകാലത്തു് അവിടത്തെ പ്രജാസഞ്ചയത്തിന്നു് കൂടുതൽ ആഹ്ലാദിക്കത്തക്കതായി മറ്റൊന്നുമില്ല. തിരുമനസ്സിലെ കാലത്തു് അതുണ്ടാകുമെന്നതന്നെ ഞങ്ങൾ ദൃഢമായി പ്രതീക്ഷിക്കുന്നു. തിരുമനസ്സിലെ ഭരണം നാൾക്കു നാൾ ശോഭനമായി തീരട്ടെ. തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു് ആയുരാരോഗ്യത്തോടുകൂടി വളരെ നാൾ ജീവിച്ചരുളട്ടെ എന്നു പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു ഞാൻ വിരമിക്കുന്നു.

Announcement by the President regarding elections of Members to certain committees

Mr. President : Before I adjourn the House for lunch I have to announce that nominations for the election of 3 members to the Standing Finance Committee and 2 members for the Text Book Committee will be received by the Secretary to the Council up-to 5 'o clock tomorrow evening.

The House rose for lunch and reassembled at 2-30 p. m. with the Diwan President in the Chair.

Congratulatory Motion on the accession of His Highness the Maharaja *(contd.)*

***Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkanchei):* Mr. President, we the representatives of His Highness loving and loyal subjects congratulate ourselves more than we congratulate His Highness Sree Kerala Varma, Maharaja of Cochin, in His Highness being called by Providence to guide the destinies of the State at this critical period in her history.

His Highness' early education which was had first under the inspiring guidance of His Highness' parents the highly cultured Princess Her Highness the late lamented Kunhamma Thampuran and His Highness' father the late Brahmasree Chennasu Manakkal Narayanan Nambudiri an erudite scholar in Sanskrit and later under experienced teachers like the late Sree Desamangalam Kunhan Warriar, Manikath Sankara Menon and popular Professors like Sealy Cruick Shank and Koshi in Cochin and later still under distinguished scholars and educationists like Bilderbuk, Stuart, Duncan, Stone, Ranganatha Mudaliar, Seshagiri Sastri and Dr. Offer in Madras, His Highness' wide and varied reading and extensive travels, supplemented by varied administrative experience and more than anything else a well ordered and disciplined life, these, have given Cochin a mellowed Ruler with a clear vision at a very critical period in *her history* when Cochin is to rehabitilate herself after the tribulations of a tutanic war.

His Highness Sree Kerala Varma Maharaja has already given us an earnest of His Highness' *Modernity of thought* in the gracious announcement made on the august occasion of the Installation Durbar more than the actual substance of the announcement which is not anything much, but still appreciated, the language in which that announcement is couched and the spirit pervading it augurs well for His Highness' reign and therefore for the State. And if only His Highness' chief adviser, our experienced and statesman Diwan, Sir, will give up his self-assumed role of a "bud of passage", Cochin will have prepared herself before long to occupy a distinguished place in the All India Federation, with a full cabinet of ministers administering all the departments of the State.

We assure His Highness that under His Highness' inspiring guidance we the representatives of the people will rise equal to any occasion which His Highness' ideas of modernity and self-Government is sure to create in Cochin in the near future.

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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I pray, Sir, that the all merciful Providence may be pleased to grant to His Highness vigorous health and clear vision to enable His Highness to guide Cochin to the most enviable position of being the first among States of India enjoying a full Cabinet System of Government. I, on behalf of my constituents and my humble self, associate myself with all the sentiments given expression to by the Hon'ble Minister and my Hon'ble colleagues who spoke before me.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M. B. E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Sir: On behalf of the Treasury Bench and on my own behalf I offer our loyal and respectful felicitations to His Highness the Maharaja. It is not for us as servants of the Crown to take as detailed a part as we would like in the deliberations of the resolution before the Council just now. We only pray, may His Highness be spared to us long and may His Highness continue to guide the destinies of our State for several years to come. We offer our humble but unstinted services to His Highness' Government and hope may we not be found wanting in the arduous tasks ahead of us.

***Mr. P. E. Warne** *(Nominated):* On behalf of my community it is a pleasure to me to support the motion of the Hon'ble Member. In doing so it is not my intention to take up the time of the House by a long speech. But it would be right and proper for me to make a few observations on this occasion. Firstly it strikes me that Cochin is fortunate in having had a succession of rulers who had the interests of their subjects at heart. Secondly I would say that Cochin has become what I would describe as a model State, a model for other States to follow. Thirdly I would submit that Cochin must be considered as the most peaceful place in the world which till now is full of troubles, strifes and discontentment. This being so it is my hope that during the reign of His Highness which has just started under auspicious and happy conditions it will be possible for Cochin to have full and complete self Government by the people and for the people under the aegis of His Highness. So far as the new reforms are concerned it is for the good of the State and its people in every way.

So far as the European community is concerned we will be co-operating in every way with our Indian friends for the general uplift of this great country. We are on the eve of very great changes constitutionally in India and it is my hope that the European community might prove itself worthy of being of some use by assisting in the well being of the country and helping to make it the place everyone desires. By co-operation and good will on all sides I am sure the State will prosper. So with these few words I wish to express my best wishes as well as those of my fellow countrymen to His Highness for the continued progress, prosperity and happiness of Cochin and all His Highness' subjects.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. കെ. കണ്ണൻ: സർ, മഹാരാജാവുതിരുമനസ്സിനെ അനുമോദിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള പ്രമേയത്തെ ഞാനും ഹൃദയംഗമമായി അനുകൂലിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു. തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു് ഒരു മന്ത്രിയെക്കൂടി കല്പിച്ചു നിയമിക്കുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടി ചെയ്ത വിളംബരം കാലോചിതമായി വളരെ ഉത്തമമായിട്ടുള്ള ഒരു ഭരണപരിഷ്ക്കാരമാണെന്നുള്ളതിനു യാതൊരു സംശയവുമില്ല. കൊച്ചി ഇതരനാട്ടരാജ്യങ്ങളെ അപേക്ഷിച്ചു പരിപൂർണ്ണ ഉത്തരവാദിത്വഭരണത്തിനു തികച്ചും അർഹയാണെന്നുള്ളതു് സമ്മതിക്കാതെ തരമില്ല. ഇങ്ങിനെയൊക്കെയാണെങ്കിലും പരിപൂർണ്ണ ഉത്തരവാദിത്വഭരണദാനം ഇവിടെയുണ്ടാകുന്നതോടുകൂടി ന്യൂനപക്ഷ സമുദായങ്ങളുടെ ന്യായമായ അവകാശങ്ങളെ വകവെച്ചു് കീട്ടുന്നതിനുള്ള, സ്ഥാപിച്ചു കീട്ടുന്നതിനുള്ള, പരിരക്ഷകളും അത്യന്താപേക്ഷിതമാണെന്നുള്ള കാര്യം ഈ സഭവഴി തിരുമനസ്സിനെ ഉണർത്തിക്കുവാൻ ഞാൻ ആഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നു. അതില്ലെങ്കിൽ ഇന്നത്തെ നിലയിൽനിന്നു കൊച്ചിരാജ്യം ഭരണപരിഷ്ക്കാരത്തിൽ കുറേ മുന്നോട്ടുപോകുമെന്നുള്ള വിശ്വാസം എനിക്കില്ല. ഉത്തരവാദിത്വഭരണം അതിന്റെ യഥാർത്ഥത്തിൽ ഫലത്തിൽ വരണമെങ്കിൽ തീർച്ചയായും ന്യൂനപക്ഷസമുദായങ്ങളുടെ ന്യായമായിട്ടുള്ള രാഷ്ട്രീയമായ അവകാശങ്ങളെ സമ്മതിച്ചുകൊടുക്കാതെ തരമില്ല. അപ്രകാരമുള്ള പരിരക്ഷവ്യവസ്ഥകളോടുകൂടി ഇവിടെ ശരിയായ ഒരു ഉത്തരവാദിത്വഭരണം, പരിപൂർണ്ണ ഉത്തരവാദിത്വഭരണം തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു ഏർപ്പെടുത്തുമെന്നുള്ളതിനു യാതൊരു സംശയവുമില്ല. ഞാൻ തിരുമനസ്സിലേ ദീർഘായസ്സിനു വേണ്ടി പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു വിരമിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എ. രാഘവൻ: സർ, ഞാനും ഈ പ്രമേയത്തെ പിന്താങ്ങുന്നു. രാഷ്ട്രനീതിയിലും സമുദായനീതിയിലും വന്നിട്ടുള്ള മഹാപരിവർത്തനങ്ങളെ വീക്ഷിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള വൈദഗ്ധ്യമുള്ള പണ്ഡിതനായ നമ്മുടെ മഹാരാജാവു തിരുമനസ്സിലെക്കുണ്ടെന്നുള്ളതു് നമുക്കേവർക്കും അഭിമാനാവഹമായ ഒരു സംഗതിയാണല്ലൊ. ജനകീയ സിദ്ധാന്തങ്ങളും രാജകീയാധികാരങ്ങളും തമ്മിൽ ഉരസി വിപ്ലവത്തിന്റെ തീപ്പൊരികൾ പറക്കുന്നതു് നാം ഇന്നു് എവിടേയും കാണുന്നുണ്ടു്. പുരാതനമായ രാജകുടുംബത്തിന്റെ തേജസ്സിനേയും മാനത്തേയും അശേഷം ബലികഴിക്കാതെ ആവശ്യമായ അധികാരത്യാഗംചെയ്തു് പ്രജാവല്യിയുടെ ഹിതങ്ങളാദരിച്ചു് രാജ്യത്തു ശ്രേയസ്സും സമാധാനവും പുലർത്തുന്ന നമ്മുടെ തിരുമേനി സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യരമ്യമായ നവയുഗത്തിലേക്കു കുതിക്കുന്ന ഭാരത നാട്ടുരാജ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ഒരു മാതൃകരാജാവായി പരിലസിക്കുന്നു. തിരുമനസ്സിലെ സ്ഥാനാരോഹണവേളയിൽ വിളംബരംചെയ്തു് കൊച്ചീക്കു ലഭിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന രണ്ടു മന്ത്രിമാരും വിശ്വസ്തമായ സേവനങ്ങൾകൊണ്ടും സന്മന്ത്രദാനംകൊണ്ടും പ്രജായത്ത ഭരണത്തിനു ഈ നാട്ടിൽ പ്രശംസനീയമായ ഒരു പാരമ്പര്യം സൃഷ്ടിക്കട്ടെ എന്നും പൂർണ്ണമായ ഉത്തരവാദഭരണത്തിനുള്ള മാർഗ്ഗം തെളിയിക്കട്ടെ എന്നും ഞാൻ ആത്മാർത്ഥമായി ആശംസിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

ഈ കഴിഞ്ഞ ലോകമഹായുദ്ധത്തിന്റെ അനന്തരഫലമായി അന്യരാജ്യങ്ങളിലെപ്പോലെ ഇവിടേയും ദാരിദ്ര്യവും തൊഴിലില്ലായ്മയും രോഗവും വർദ്ധിച്ചുവരുന്നുണ്ടു്. രാജ്യത്തിന്റെ ഏകാവലംബമായ ജനശക്തിയുടെ കരളും കാൻ തിന്നുന്ന ഈവക ഭീതശക്തികളോടു മല്ലടിക്കുന്നതിൽ ഈ രാജ്യത്തിനു് പ്രഗത്ഭമായ നേതൃത്വം നൽകിക്കൊണ്ടു് അവ്യാജകരുണാനിധിയായ നമ്മുടെ മഹാരാജാവു തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു് ആയുരാരോഗ്യത്തോടുകൂടി വളരെക്കാലം നമ്മുടെ കൊച്ചിരാജ്യം ഭരിക്കട്ടെ എന്നു ആത്മാർത്ഥമായി ഞാൻ പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എൻ. ഇട്ടിരവി നമ്പൂതിരി: സർ, ഞാനും ഈ അഭിനന്ദനപ്രമേയത്തെ പിന്താങ്ങുന്നു. നമ്മുടെ മഹാരാജാവു തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു് ഇന്നത്തെ ലോകപരിതസ്ഥിതികൾക്കനുസരിച്ചു നമുക്കുവേണ്ടുന്ന പല അഭിവൃദ്ധികളും ആനുകൂല്യങ്ങളും നൽകി നമ്മെ വളരെക്കാലം ഭരിക്കട്ടെ എന്നു ഞാൻ പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

Mr. President: Before I put the motion to the House I wish to say that I associate myself very completely with the congratulations and good wishes that have been extended from all quarters of the House to His Highness. I now put the Hon'ble Minister's motion.—

"This Council respectfully tenders its humble congratulations to His Highness the Maharaja Sree Kerala Varma on his assuming the Rulership of this ancient State and desires to express its prayful hope that His Highness will live long and that under his pious and benevolent rule the prosperity of the State and the Happiness of its people will progress continuously".

Motion passed unanimously, all members standing

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* I request the Hon'ble President may be pleased to communicate to His Highness the Maharaja this resolution and also order the publication of the proceedings relating to this motion in the Cochin Government Gazette.

Mr. President: That will be done.

Announcement of Bills assented to by His Highness

Secretary to the Council: I have to announce the following Bills.—

1. The Cochin Village Courts Act (Amendment) Bill.
2. The Co-operative Societies Act (Amendment) Bill.
3. The Cochin Press and Registration Act (Amendment) Bill.

Placing the Statement of Expenditure certified by the Diwan

Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Sir, Under section 57 of the Cochin Legislative Council Rules I have to place the statement of expenditure certified by the Diwan under section 28 (1) (*b*) of the Government of Cochin Act.

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